

DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL  
EXAMINATION - SPOT -SACRAMENTO

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An equal opportunity employer to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free state workplace. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

This is a departmental promotional examination for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria to participate in this examination.

1. Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the California Department of Food and Agriculture as of the final filing date, in order to participate in this examination: or

2. Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more years as defined in Government Code §18990; or

3. Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch for two or more consecutive years as defined in Government Code § 18992; or

4. Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code § 18991.

HOW TO APPLY

**NOTE: Veterans must provide a copy of their DD214 for entrance requirements**

Applications (Form Std. 678) are available through the internet at <http://www.spb.ca.gov> and at the testing office shown below. Applications must be submitted to the California Department of Food and Agriculture no later than the **Final Filing Date, Friday, February 13, 2009.**

California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Human Resources Branch  
*Attention: Carol DeBernardi*  
1220 N Street, Room 242  
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICATION DEADLINE

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD.**

**FINAL FILING DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009.**

TEST DATE

TESTING METHOD

Applications (Form Std. 678) must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

**It is anticipated that the examination will be sometime in March or April 2009.**

The testing method used may be one or a combination of the following: **ORAL OR WRITTEN EXAMINATION, EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE OR SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.**

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION

If you have a disability and need special arrangements, mark the appropriate box in #2 of the application. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements. If you have not been contacted by the time you receive a notice to appear at a test, call the California Department of Food and Agriculture Exam Unit at (916) 654-6182.

SALARY RANGE

*NOTE: Applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.*

**Range A \$5188 - \$6262**

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

*NOTE: The salaries used in this bulletin are the latest available from the State Controller's Office, but may not reflect all of the pay raises granted recently. You should verify the salary levels with the department personnel office before making any commitments.*

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

A Departmental "Promotional" list will be established for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The eligible list will be abolished **12** months after it is established **unless** the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

**NOTE: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE YOU MEET THE EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS AS STATED BELOW. YOUR SIGNATURE ON YOUR APPLICATION INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND POSSESS THE BASIC QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED.**

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**NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS/RESUMES MUST INCLUDE: "TO" AND "FROM" DATES (MONTH/DAY/YEAR); TIME BASE; AND JOB TITLES. APPLICATIONS/RESUMES RECEIVED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION MAY BE REJECTED**

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Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "Or" II, "Or" III, etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50 percent of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50 percent of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to the examination as meeting 100 percent of the overall experience requirement.

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**NOTE: SUBMISSION OF TRANSCRIPTS REQUIRED TO VERIFY THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENT. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A DELAY OF YOUR APPROVAL TO COMPETE IN THE EXAMINATION.**



<b>SENIOR PLANT PATHOLOGIST (DIAGNOSTICIAN) (SPECIALIST)</b>	<b>BRD: 1/23/09</b>
<b>EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE</b>	If conditions warrant, this examination may utilize an evaluation of each competitor’s experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out his or her application. List all experience relevant to the “Requirements for Admittance to the Examination” shown on this announcement, even if that experience goes beyond the seven-year limit printed on the application. Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the “Requirements for Admittance to the Examination” carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.
<b>SPECIAL NOTE:</b>	
<b>VETERANS PREFERENCE</b>	Veterans preference credits will not be granted in this examination.
<b>QUESTIONS?</b>	If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Examination Unit, 1220 N Street, Room 242, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 654-6182

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II:** The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is committed to a strong policy of equal employment opportunity. To this end, CDFA does not discriminate against or exclude any person from participating in the employment process, advancement, benefits of employment, or in the admission and access to programs or activities administered by CDFA on the basis of: race; color; national origin; ancestry; religion; creed; sex; marital status; sexual orientation; pregnancy; age; veteran status; political affiliation; or disability (including AIDS) as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities will be made available upon request. Candidates must be able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodations.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. If an offer of employment is made, a medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required. All job offers are subject to an approval process.

**If you meet the requirements** stated you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**Applications** are available at State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the Department noted on the front.

**It is the candidate's responsibility** to contact the California Department of Food and Agriculture Examinations Unit three (3) days prior to the written test date if s/he has not received his/her notice.

**If a candidate’s notice** of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, s/he will be rescheduled upon written request.

**For an examination** without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the California Department of Food and Agriculture Examinations Unit at (916) 654-0422 three (3) weeks after the final filing date if s/he has not received a progress notice.

**Examination Locations:** When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: ① sub-divisional promotional, ② departmental promotional, ③ multi-departmental promotional, ④ service-wide promotional, ⑤ departmental open, ⑥ open. Eligible lists will expire in from one (1) to four (4) years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

**Interview Scope:** If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel may consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight may be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress s/he has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

**Veterans Preference:** California law limits the granting of veterans preference credits to entrance examinations. Directions for applying for veterans preference are on the Veterans Preference Application form which is available from State Personnel Board office or written test proctors.

**High School Equivalence:** Equivalence to completion of the twelfth (12th) grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

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FROM TDD PHONES: 1-800-735-2929 FROM VOICE PHONES: 1-800-735-2922